DEC 1 5 2004

I hereby certify that I have reasonable basis to expect that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 via fax number 703-872-9306 on

Stephanie Harbin

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. 09/870,428

(Attorney Docket No. GP-301083)

Filed May 30,2001

Thomas A. Slopsema et al.

Group 3747

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A SHUTDOWN OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Examiner Arnold Castro

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

This paper is in response to the Office Actions mailed September 15, 2004. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.